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**REMARKS** 

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view

of the following remarks.

Independent claims 1, 6 and 11 have been amended to further distinguish the presently

claimed invention from the art of record with respect to placement of the high-side and low-side

switching circuits simultaneously in an off-state. Support for these amendments can be found

throughout the specification and drawings.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in

condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions

relating to patentability remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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